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Atlanta High School Students Dive on Slave Ship

Summarized from Page R-1 of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Feb. 16, 1997

A group of nine teens, students at Atlanta's Benjamin E. Mays High School, participated in a dive on the slave ship wreck known as the Ivory Ship near Key Largo, Fl. The students prayed over the wreckage and forged a spiritual connection with the history of the slave trade. The trip was organized by Tom Garmon, social studies teacher at the school, as a means of making history more real and relevant to his students.

The North Star is an online journal of African-American religious history. The editors seek contributions of all kinds. For additional details contact: Judith Weisenfeld, Religion Department, Barnard College, New York, NY 10027 (212) 854-5071, jw40@columbia.edu.

14th Biennial Conference, Society of Africanist Arch-aeologists, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. May 21-24, 1998. In addition to the paper sessions, pre- and post-conference tours are being planned. Proposals or inquiries concerning possible symposia, panels, and individual papers should be sent to: SAfA, c/o the Department of Anthropology, 209 Maxwell Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244 by January 1, 1998.

Just published: *American Material Culture, The Shape of the Field*, edited by Ann Smart Martin and J. Ritchie Garrison, The Henry Frances du Pont Winterthur Museum, Winterthur, DE and The University of Tennessee Press, Knoxville. \$39.95 (Cloth).

Roots: The African Background of American Culture Through the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, a 4-week NEH Summer Institute for College Teachers will be held at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities from June 8-July 3, 1998. The Institute will focus on the African background to American history, and the processes that brought Africans to the British Americas from the seventeenth through the early nineteenth centuries. Participants will include 25 full or part-time undergraduate teachers. Co-directors are Jerome S. Handler (Anthropology) and Joseph C. Miller (History). For information and application procedures see their web site:

www.virginia.edu/vfh/roots.nehinst, or contact Handler at the VFH, 145 Ednam Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22903 (804) 924-3296. E-mail: jh3v@virginia.edu. Deadline for applications is March 2, 1998; notification by April.

The Summer 1997 issue of *Prologue*, Quarterly of the National Archives, has as its theme "The Impact of Federal Records on African American Historical

Research." Learn more at their WWW site:
<http://www.nara.gov/exhall/prologue/prologue.htm>.

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